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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The instant application was allowed November 4, 2005. However, the Reasons for Allowance are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

For example, and without limitation, claims 6-11 and 30-32 do not require “a power spectral area ratio calculating means for obtaining spectral distribution by applying Fourier transform and obtaining an area ratio between different distribution ranges in the spectral distribution” as mentioned in the reasons for allowance. As another example, claims 6, 8, 12, 14, etc. do not require “a diffraction grating provided in the light receiving side optical system and designed such that intensity of zero order diffraction light is sufficiently smaller than intensity of first order diffraction light” as mentioned in the reasons for allowance in the 7/13/05 Office Action. As yet another example, claims 7, 8, 12, 14, etc. do not require “polarization means disposed immediately before one of

the light receiving devices in the light receiving side optical system for passing polarized light having a direction of polarization that is orthogonal to the direction of polarization of the light emitted from the light emitting device” as mentioned in the reasons for allowance in the 7/13/05 Office Action.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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